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PLEASE PASS CAROLINE YANG, USEC/J

1. ONGOING JOURNALIST-EXCHANGE PROGRAMS INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

A. SISTER-CITIES JOURNALIST PROGRAM: EXCHANGE OF PRACTICING NEWSPAPERMEN WHO CARRY OUT FULL-TIME ASSIGNMENTS IN LOCAL PAPERS OF RESPECTIVE SISTER-CITIES. TIME FRAME IS 4 TO 6 WEEKS OR POSSIBLY LONGER. OVERALL PURPOSE IS TO CREATE UNDERSTANDING AND ALSO GIVE NEW DIMENSION TO COVERAGE.

B. NIEMAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AT HARVARD: ONE ACADEMIC YEAR FOR JOURNALISTS TO STUDY WHATEVER THEY WANT AT THE UNIVERSITY. THERE ARE ABOUT 12 AMERICAN AND 3 FOREIGN FELLOWS A YEAR. ONLY AMERICAN CITIZENS RECEIVE FUNDING FROM HARVARD; FOREIGN FELLOWS MUST GET FUNDS FROM FOUNDATIONS OR THEIR PARENT NEWSPAPER COMPANIES. NO TRAVEL INCLUDED, THOUGH GOJ INVITES SOME FOR 4-WEEK VISIT.

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C. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY EAST ASIA JOURNALIST PROGRAM:

FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS MAJORING IN JOURNALISM WITH 9-MONTH INTERNSHIP IN JAPAN INCLUDED. U.S. NEWSPAPERS HELP FINANCE PROGRAM. PLACEMENT IN JAPAN THROUGH COOPERATION JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS.

D. INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSITUTE PROGRAM: BILATERAL MEETINGS HELD ALTERNATELY IN JAPAN AND THE U.S. IN NOVEMBER BRING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVE JOURNALISTS OF JAPAN AND THE U.S. IN A FREE AND OPEN DISCUSSION ON PROBLEMS EACH COUNTRY FACES. GOALS ARE TO DISCUSS THE AREA OF AGREEMENT AND THE QUESTIONS AT ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS AND TO EXPLORE WAYS THAT THE MEDIA CAN CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING. PROGRAM BEGAN IN 1970 (HONOLULU), WITH FOLLOWING MEETINGS AT KYOTO AND SAN DIEGO. THIS YEAR GROUP MEETS AT RACINE, WISC. NEWSPAPER COMPANIES FUND TRAVEL OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. (IN JAPAN, SHIMBUN KYOKAI COORDINATES PROGRAM.)

E. GOJ PROGRAM: GOJ INVITES ABOUT 40 JOURNALISTS A YEAR, OF WHICH 2 TO 5 ARE AMERICANS, FOR TWOWEEKVISIT. JOURNALISTS' REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS ARE ARRANGED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY. (DUE CODE OF ETHICS WHICH INHIBITS MANY JOURNALISTS FROM ACCEPTING INVITATION FROM FOREIGN GOVTS., PROGRAM NOT GOING TOO WELL ON U.S. SIDE.)

2. EXCHANGES IN THE ARTS: ALTHOUGH THERE ARE LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF PRIVATE GRANTS, THE FOLLOWING ARE PROGRAMS ON WHICH READY INFORMATION AVAILABLE -- FULBRIGHT NOT INCLUDED:

A. SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL: WITH SUPPORT OF FORD FOUNDATION, OFFERS GRANTS IN TWO CATEGORIES: (1) POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH (14 AWARDS IN '74-75); (2) DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS.

B. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS: OFFERS FELLOWSHIPS TO PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS TO PURSUE CAREERS ABROAD.

C. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES: OFFERS SMALL NUMBER FOR POST-DOCTORAL STUDY.
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D- JAPAN SOCIETY: HAS TWO GRANTS SPECIFICALLY FOR ART STUDY.

3. AMER. ASSOC. FOR UNIVERSITY WOMEN: OFFERS LIMITED NUMBER IN ART FIELD TO FEMALE COLLEGE STUDENTS.

3. ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND HAS NO INDIVIDUAL

GRANTS, WHILE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION DOES NOT OFFER
GRANTS FOR STUDY ABROAD. GUGGENHEIM PROGRAM DOES NOT
INCLUDE JAPAN.

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